

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, April 27, 2007 at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana. President Dillinger called the meeting to order at 7:39 a.m. and declared a quorum present of Commissioner Christine Altman and Commissioner Steven C. Dillinger. Commissioner Steven A. Holt arrived at 7:55 a.m.

Noblesville Downtown Strategic Action Committee

Altman nominated Dillinger as the commissioner's appointment to the Noblesville Downtown Strategic Action Committee. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Hamilton County - Noblesville Taskforce

Dillinger stated he would like to sit on the Hamilton County – Noblesville Taskforce that they are trying to set up with Noblesville to discuss parking and office space needs. Ultimately the parking committee will be a sub-committee of the Noblesville Downtown Strategic Action Committee. Altman stated she is concerned that the commissioners views will be represented through Dillinger. Dillinger stated he does not have a problem with that and agrees. Altman motioned to approve. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Dillinger stated according to the rules of the committee no proxy can be made if he is unable to attend a meeting. Dillinger is going to ask that the rule be waived, he would like one of the commissioners to attend in his place if needed.

Highway Business [7:44:00]

2008 Highway Budget

Mr. Brad Davis reviewed the COIT portion of the 2008 highway department budget.

Preservation Activities:

- Paving - \$2,250,000
- Small Structure Replacements - \$700,000 (approximate)
- Bituminous Materials - \$600,000

Other Requests:

- 96th Street Intersections - \$660,000 matching funds
- Olio Road widening between 104th Street and Bridge - \$3,400,000
- 161st Street/Gray Road Intersection Engineers report or design - \$40,000 or \$150,000
- Herriman Boulevard/146th Street Signal Installation - \$80,000
- Study - Bridge 126th over White River Study – TBD
- Study - Victory Chapel (2 locations) – TBD
- Lamong Road – TBD
- 96th Street/Towne Road Intersection – possible TIF Funding

96th Street Intersections

In the original plan for the 96th Street intersections the federal aid matching funds needed were \$660,000. Altman asked if we should include this in the regular budget or do we want to make a special request from council? Council agreed to fund any match for federal projects. Altman asked when will we need the money? Davis stated probably late 2008. Thurman stated that makes a lot of sense because we are not sure the project will be done in 2008. Thurman stated he would rather wait. Dillinger agreed. Altman asked that federal funding be a separate column on any of our projects and do a projected schedule of when the funds will be needed.

Olio Road Widening

Davis stated we are moving forward with the 104th Street intersection at Olio Road. It should be under construction in the early part of 2008. The bridge over the reservoir should be finished. There will be a gap between the bridge and 104th Street. We have delayed doing that portion until we received federal aid, but that does not look promising. Davis would like to complete the gap and build this section. Approximate cost is \$3,400,000. Altman asked if Davis has heard anything from the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) how the delay on 38th Street will affect fund availability? Altman asked if this project would qualify for that funding? Davis stated yes. Davis stated the MPO may have a call for projects in late summer 2007. INDOT is saying they will not know if they will have a call for projects until late Fall 2007. Altman asked that another capital project be scheduled at the same time.

[7:51:01] Davis reviewed the Olio Road project with the commissioners. It is a ¾ mile, four(4) lane project. Dillinger stated this sounds like a lot of money for this project that we could use for other projects. This is county jurisdiction and will not be annexed. Davis stated that corridor is exploding, several strip centers and housing subdivisions have been built, it is time to do this project. We will still try for federal aid but if we don't get the money, it is still time. Dillinger stated he thinks it is time too, but there are potentially other projects we can do that might serve more people.

161st Street/Gray Road Intersection

Davis stated we can try to get design money in 2008 for the 161st Street/Gray Road Intersection project. We can approach Westfield and Noblesville for some assistance with the design fees and/or construction. If we follow that approach we can just have an engineer's report in 2008 which would outline viable alternatives, impact and costs and then take that to the communities to try to get assistance. The other option is that this intersection is in county jurisdiction and we can do the project now at a cost of \$150,000. Altman asked how far away are the annexations? Dillinger stated it may be awhile. Thurman stated we had a contract in the late 1990's but we have not done anything since then. This will be a big expensive project. Altman asked if we could prepare the preliminary costs and then talk with Westfield and Noblesville on an interlocal agreement for construction? Dillinger agreed. Davis stated we will also try for federal aid.

Herriman Boulevard 146th Street Signal Installation

Davis stated they plan to design a signal at Herriman Boulevard/146th Street this year with installation next year. Dillinger asked how would that signal work? Davis stated it would have to be interconnected with the signal at SR 37. Holt stated he has never received a complaint. Thurman stated it is the only way in and out of the industrial area. North of it is The Wellingtons which has restricted truck traffic. Developers on the south side of 146th Street have come in and it looks like it may be developed soon. They have approached us about curb cuts. Preliminarily we have told them that if the use changes that curb cut will go away. They could have a right in-right out only. We have expressed an interest to them explore pushing the new road to the west to line up with Herriman Boulevard. Altman asked if we need permission to put a signal that close to SR 37? Davis stated we don't need permission. Dillinger stated he is afraid it will become a bigger impediment to the 146th Street flow. Holt added SR 37 northbound. Thurman stated it has met warrants for sometime. With the extension under construction we have stated we are not going to do anything at Herriman until the extension is done and open and see how it functions. We will then see what the proper design will be. Altman asked if we can do any modeling on it? Thurman stated we can but we feel it is important to wait to see what the traffic does with the extension. Holt asked where are we on the right of way for the tight diamond?

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Mr. Tim Knapp stated we have right of way on the northwest corner. Holt asked if we look at the big picture and exact right of way on the southwest corner and thought in terms of pushing the state on the tight diamond. [8:06:12] Thurman stated United Consulting did an interchange study on SR 37 at 206th, 256th and 266th and they are on the thoroughfare plan. Howard stated there is a footprint for a tight diamond because Noblesville has been using it to partially reserve right of way. Holt asked that this be tabled and asked the highway department to meet with the Noblesville engineering department to find out what information we have. Altman asked if we should include generic improvements at 146th Street? Davis stated we could include money to pay an engineering firm to look at the options at that location that incorporate access to Herriman Boulevard. Holt stated the north, south, east and west traffic is more important than Herriman Boulevard. The developers on the southwest side should carry part of the expense rather than the county buying a signal. Discussion followed. Altman stated we need to do something; it is a question of timing and whether we can get contributions. [8:11:43] Holt motioned to ask highway department to do a taskforce with the City of Noblesville to look at an appropriate solution. Altman seconded as long as we put money in the budget to fix it. Holt stated it was not his motion to fund it. Altman stated she would like to have something in the budget, if the signal is the best solution lets have it in the budget, do it and be done with it in 2008. Altman withdrew her seconded. Dillinger seconded. Dillinger and Holt approved. Altman opposed. Motion carried. Altman motioned to put \$80,000 in the 2008 budget to reserve for improvements at Herriman. Dillinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jazz on the Square [8:04:50]

Mr. Fred Swift stated Noblesville Main Street had requested permission for a vendor to sell hot dogs on the square during the Jazz on the Square performances. Holt asked if it is a fundraiser for Main Street? Swift stated yes. Holt asked if there is a letter? Swift stated no. Altman asked that the event is covered by insurance.

126th Street Bridge over White River

Davis asked if the commissioners would want monies budgeted for studies for a bridge at 126th Street over White River. Dillinger asked if Fishers is more amenable to that bridge? Altman stated she thinks a couple members of the Fishers Town Council are going to start pushing for it. Dillinger stated he has heard that Carmel is now interested in this bridge. Dillinger stated he thinks we need a bridge at 126th Street. Altman suggested we look at the corridor from 116th Street and 146th Street and find the most logical place to cross over. Dillinger stated we can refer back to the Beam, Longest and Neff study as a place to start. Davis stated this is a feasibility study, it may be too expensive to proceed. Altman stated she does see a problem with internally reviewing that corridor and making a decision to see if it is feasible. Then pick another major bridge project(s) to move towards. Dillinger agreed. Altman motioned to include a nominal amount in the budget to review the old Beam, Longest and Neff report; put in an hourly rate for the consultant to update it, look at the environmental on the feasibility between 116th and 146th Street and come back with a recommendation. Dillinger suggested the study be expanded to SR 32. Altman stated we need to put Olio Road on our radar. Davis clarified that we should look at the corridor from 116th Street to Noblesville with a little more detail analysis of the potential crossings, environmental impacts, etc. Holt did not agree. Dillinger seconded. Altman and Dillinger approved. Holt opposed. Motion carried.

Holt asked Howard if Noblesville had the Olio Road bridge TIF'd? Howard stated yes. Holt asked if there would be a possibility to talk with Noblesville about a TIF extension? Holt asked how many years does Noblesville have that area TIF'd? Howard stated 2028. Holt asked none of that goes towards the 146th Street improvements that Noblesville is funding? Howard stated everything from Olio Road to SR 37, is being used to fund two TIF bonds (\$46 million 146th Street permanent bond and the other is the \$22 million Exit 10 TIF Bond). Howard stated there may be money left out of the 146th Street bond that could go to design and initial cost.

Victory Chapel Alignment Studies

Davis stated there are two(2) alignment studies needed on Victory Chapel Road at an estimated cost of \$25,000.

Lamong Road [8:31:57]

Howard stated David Tudor, Sheridan Town Attorney has written a memorandum on the status of Lamong Road, dated April 26, 2007. Howard stated Sheridan is looking at selling a TIF Bond for a Lamong Road extension. Holt stated he thinks they are forcing development and in the process they are compromising everything they do. If they waited they would have a better product. Altman stated they are exploding on requests for township assistance. Altman stated her concern is that we had this scheduled for rural federal aid. She is sure that what Sheridan has done with land acquisition makes it no longer qualified for federal aid. Holt stated from a public aid standpoint we can do a lot more for Sheridan by improving 236th Street to US 31 rather than doing a development road that goes no where. Altman stated she does not disagree. No action taken.

96th Street and Towne Road Intersection

Davis asked Howard if the 96th Street and Towne Road intersection is going to be funded by one of the TIF areas? Howard stated we have to do Shelborne first. Davis stated the project is ready to go as soon as funding is in place. Howard asked how much will it cost? Thurman stated approximately \$600,000 to \$700,000. Howard stated this is the first he has heard about this project being funded by TIF. Howard will look at it.

Olio Road Widening [8:43:38]

Holt asked how long has the federal aid request for widening Olio Road between 104th Street and Olio Road been in? Davis stated at least two(2) years. Altman stated 38th Street construction was delayed so that opened up a large amount of money. They are looking at what the overages are on existing projects before they open it up to new projects. Davis stated they have indicated they will have a call for projects in the Fall. Dillinger stated he thinks we need to identify several projects and let the council decide what they can fund. Howard asked if this is fully designed and ready to go? Davis stated the plans would have to be reviewed for federal aid compliance and updated, but it is ready to go. Altman stated she does not see the federal aid coming in for Olio Road. Holt and Altman concurred to put this project in for COIT. Davis stated they will still try for federal funding. Dillinger stated we need to have five(5) more projects ready to go. Davis stated we need to keep moving forward with the 236th Street corridor, we are not going to be ready for right of way acquisition on 146th Street west in 2008, it will still be in design. We have identified some areas on 206th Street that will be seeing growth, from Hague to SR 19. Thurman stated Cumberland Road is also on the list. Dillinger would like the highway department to come back to the commissioners with more potential projects. Holt concurred and so moved. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mailbox Policy

Davis asked if the affidavit stating people are out of town during a snow event needs to be notarized? Altman stated yes. Holt asked Howard to work up the affidavit.

146th Street West Extension Engineering Agreement

Thurman requested approval of an engineering agreement with American Structure Point for west 146th Street Expansion from Springmill to the county line. Holt motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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I-69/Olio Road Engineering Study

Davis presented a copy of the draft engineering study done by Fishers by A&F Engineering for I-69/Olio Road improvements. Howard asked if they are committed to preserving right of way for the bridge project? Davis stated yes. Howard stated at the 60’ half? Davis stated this project would probably require a little bit more. Howard stated any commitment from Fishers for this project needs to be in writing. Davis stated they have requested additional data from the study and have not received it to date. Altman asked if they have jurisdiction over this entire area? Davis stated the county has jurisdiction over Olio Road, they need our blessing. Holt asked what is the term on the interlocal agreement? Howard stated he will have to look at the agreement.

Thoroughfare Plan

Davis presented the final draft of the thoroughfare plan that will be submitted to the Hamilton County Plan Commission. Holt motioned to approve. Altman seconded. Altman asked how much are we increasing on the set backs for right of way requests from what we have now? Thurman stated they were changed to accommodate pathways and sidewalks. Altman asked if the 10’ at intersections for potential right turns, is it just on the right side? Davis stated yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Altman motioned to adjourn. Holt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Present

Christine Altman, Commissioner
Steven C. Dillinger, Commissioner
Steven A. Holt, Commissioner
Fred Swift, Administrative Assistant to Auditor
Brad Davis, Highway Director
Joel Thurman, Interim Highway Engineer
Tim Knapp, Right of Way Specialist
Michael Howard, Attorney
Matt Knight, Highway Engineer
Kim Rauch, Administrative Assistant to Auditor

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ATTEST

Robin M. Mills, Auditor